

Health Department First Six Month Check-In

City of New Orleans

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I. Care for Vulnerable Populations

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Status Quo

- Providing high-quality outreach and medical care for our homeless citizens remains a high priority for NOHD, in order to improve individual health and safety, as well as proactively address public health concerns.



I. Care for Vulnerable Populations

Scope

- In the past 6 months, Healthcare for the Homeless Clinic has achieved the following:
 - Partnership with Louisiana Department of Health on Hepatitis A vaccination campaign
 - Designated open enrollment organization by CMS and initiated patient enrollment in Affordable Care Act plans
 - Awarded multiple grants: \$16,616 Quality Improvement award and \$285,000 Substance Use Disorder-Mental Health funding to increase capacity
- Street outreach continues with the following:
 - Near weekly coordinated efforts with multiple City agencies to engage hundreds of individuals living on the street, help connect them to services, and ensure areas are thoroughly cleaned with trash and potentially unhealthy items removed
 - Coordination with other organizations to support the opening and operations of the Low Barrier Shelter



I. Care for Vulnerable Populations

Improvement/Why It Matters

- The health of our most vulnerable citizens affects the entire community, and contributes to overall safety and wellbeing
- Expanding outreach and funding will increase the number of individuals we are able to serve



II. Behavioral Health

Status Quo

- NOHD is focused on improving the system of behavioral health care in our community



II. Behavioral Health

Scope

- The Behavioral Health Council presented a public forum of work over the past year in multiple sectors, and continues to meet regularly with solution-oriented workgroups.
- The LEAD pre-booking diversion program, in partnership with NOPD, has begun and currently has 19 clients. The goal is to intervene before arrest to aggressively identify and treat mental health disorders that contribute to repeated arrest and illness.
- NOLA Opioid Survival Connection has hired staff and will begin serving overdose victims this month.
- Community Naloxone (opioid reversal agents) trainings held weekly in conjunction with New Orleans Public Library
- \$750,000 DOJ grant awarded to serve high-risk pregnant women with opiate use disorders and their young children



II. Behavioral Health Improvement/Why It Matters

- Behavioral health and substance abuse continue to be health priorities for our community.
- NOHD works with partners within and outside the City to address these issues in varied but targeted ways with the goal of strengthening existing systems and improving access to treatment.



III. Domestic Violence

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Status Quo

- Domestic Violence is a pervasive issue in our community and requires significant resources to address.



III. Domestic Violence

Scope

- Presented to City Council and held multiple training sessions for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October
- Co-facilitated meetings of the Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Action Coalition; the Offender Accountability Working Group; the Blueprint for Safety Team; the Mayor's Domestic Violence Working Group
- NOHD serves as convener for the State Firearms Divestiture Law process design
- Trained on domestic violence and sexual assault issues at Healthcare for the Homeless and 911 Communications.



III. Domestic Violence

Improvement / Why It Matters

- Tackling such a pervasive issue requires dedicated staff able to bring all stakeholders and partners to the table with a sole focus on promoting health and safety of our community



IV. Community Engagement

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Status Quo

- Any comprehensive approach to improving health must include detailed feedback from all sectors of the community



IV. Community Engagement

Scope

- Community Health Assessment sessions engaged over 900 residents in a community health survey to better understand barriers to health, community assets, and priority issues
- Convened 92 individuals representing 62 organizations, departments and programs to assess capacity of our local public health system
- BUILD Health Challenge 2.0: successfully advocated for: inclusion of health-related goals, objectives and action items in the RTA Strategic Mobility Plan, inclusion of health-related metrics that will be tracked every year in RIDE's State of Transit annual report



IV. Community Engagement Improvement / Why It Matters

- The more responsive NOHD can be to the needs of residents, the better we can design and support programs to serve.



V. HIV/Ryan White

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Status Quo

- New Orleans continues to have high rates of HIV infection



V. HIV/Ryan White

Scope

- Created the Mayor's Fast track Cities Steering Committee – a global initiative to address the high rates of HIV through the implementation of the 90-90-90 targets.
- National League of Cities named New Orleans a City of Opportunity



V. HIV/Ryan White

Improvement / Why It Matters

- Through the Fast Track Cities partnership and opportunities, New Orleans is on the cusp of being able to make a significant difference in the HIV epidemic



VI. Wellness/Health for All

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Status Quo

- Citizens need easy access to fun, healthful activities to improve chronic disease and promote better quality of life.



VI. Wellness/Health for all

Scope

- Fit NOLA continues to develop and implement wellness activities for all – DeStress Day at Duncan Plaza; Open Streets event; healthy eating discussions and exercise classes.



VI. Wellness/Health for all

Improvement / Why It Matters

- When all residents have multiple ways to access healthy food and activity in our community, our overall health will improve



VII. Violence as a Public Health Issue

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Status Quo

- Violent injury is not only a safety and law enforcement issue, but primarily a health epidemic.



VII. Violence as a Public Health Issue

Scope

- Cure Violence program and model introduced at Night Out Against Crime.
- Strategic planning underway to identify best practices for significant reductions in violence, in coordination with overall Gun Violence Reduction Strategy.
- \$500,000 grant awarded to “train the trainers” in schools on trauma-informed practices.



VII. Violence as a Public Health Issue

Improvement/Why It Matters

- Ending violence is a priority for our community and addressing it as a public health issue allows NOHD to work with high-risk individuals to prevent violence.
- The trauma of violence impacts more than those physically harmed, additional funding will allow us to continue working with school to build programs using trauma-informed practices.



VIII. Caring for Family Health

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Status Quo

- Maternal-child health is critical to the overall wellness and economic success of a community.



VIII. Caring for Family Health

Scope

- Healthy Start New Orleans continues to hold regular breastfeeding outreach and education events; identification and case management of high-risk women and infants.
- Fatherhood Summit on supporting families and fathers held with participants from all over the country



VIII. Caring for Family Health

Improvement/Why It Matters

- Families face multiple barriers; NOHD is committed to developing strategy and programs to remove these obstacles and support happy, healthy parents and children.

